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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SITUATION
WITH REGARD TO THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING
OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL
COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

DECOLONIZATION PROGRAMME IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

Resolution adopted by the Special Committee at its 1470th meeting, on 6 June 1997

The Special Committee,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 43/47 of 22 November 1988, entitled "International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism", and all other relevant United Nations resolutions and decisions,

Mindful of the statement made by the Secretary-General on 17 March 1997 regarding the administrative reforms of the Secretariat,

Reaffirming the political nature and substance of its mandate,

Concerned that the proposed administrative changes could jeopardize, downgrade and undermine the United Nations decolonization programme,

1. Urges the Secretary-General to continue to avail the Decolonization Branch of all necessary and adequate financial, human and technical resources;

2. Also urges the Secretary-General to maintain the Decolonization Branch and all its functions pertaining to the Special Committee on the Situation with Regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) in the Department of Political Affairs.

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